



# FIRST PRESS

**Sunday, June 21st, 2020**

*Dear Friends in Faith,*

*As we prepare to welcome Pastor William Schram to First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell, we would like to share some personal information, which he provided to our Committee:*

**My journey to ministry reads like Jonah's – I ran from it for a while. My father was a Presbyterian pastor and I grew up with people asking if I was going to be a pastor like him. After college I served in a City/County Ombudsman's office. Helping people in complaints against bureaucracy felt fulfilling. I also got involved in a local church where I was drafted to help with the youth group. I soon found that it was the Gospel that added meaning to my weekly work and renewed my spirit after dealing with complaints. My teaching with the youth group drew positive response from students and other teachers. I made the decision to go to seminary realizing that I wasn't going to be a minister exactly like my father any more than he could be one exactly like me. And that's how God liked it. With that realization, it became a joy to talk ministry with Dad.**

**I attended McCormick Seminary in Chicago. I met my wife Jenny there. We got married just before the start of our senior year at seminary. From there we went to a co-pastor position, each ½ time, at a redevelopment church in Detroit Presbytery. After a few years, we realized that: we each needed to grow in ministry beyond what we did ½ time and do so without stepping on the other's areas of responsibilities. I went full time at the church and Jenny did some part-time interim work then became the stated clerk of the Presbytery.**

**I have served churches, in seminary and since, in urban, center city, near suburb, small town, and county seat town settings. I have served as pastor, associate pastor, interim pastor, and have served as a chaplain at a hospital. I find worship leadership, pastoral care, teaching, mission support and visioning all to be rewarding aspects of ministry.**

**In Detroit, Lehigh and Albany Presbyteries I have been on the Committee on Ministry. I served on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in Detroit and Scioto Valley Presbyteries. I have completed interim training and was trained as a consultant for the visioning process that Lehigh Presbytery provided for congregations in partnership with the Center for Parish Development. My work in Albany resulted in my connecting with the Ghana Mission Network of the PC(USA), increasing my knowledge of and experience with mission partners in Ghana.**

Between work times, I enjoy the outdoors while humming the songs that I know at least the first verse of. My musical tastes are varied from the popular music of my younger days, to hymns, to contemporary Christian songs and to jazz. After being told by my doctor to go on a heart healthy diet, I have gotten interested in cooking and figuring out how to make food taste interesting without salt.

We have two natural and one foster daughter. Delightfully, we also have a granddaughter to enjoy.



*In closing, we ask that you continue to keep Pastor Bill Schram and his family in your prayers as we get closer to beginning our faith journey together. We look forward to getting to know and work with him as he leads and strengthens us during this transitional time.*

*Blessings in Christ,*

*The Interim Search Committee*

*The Personnel Committee*

*First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell*

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## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Help with Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, June 24th by preparing one of the usual meals (It will be either chili or Beef-a-Roni or Sloppy Joes) and a dozen hard boiled eggs. Please email Joyce McGrath at [jlmlamby@aol.com](mailto:jlmlamby@aol.com), if you would like to participate. You will be asked to drop off your contribution to First Pres between 8:45 and 9 am that day and Joyce will transport the food to OLV. If drop off is a problem, one of the volunteers can pick it up from your home. All current sanitary food prep guidance must be adhered to; for example, frequent hand washing, no touching of face, sanitizing food prep surfaces, etc. Masks must be worn and good hand hygiene must be maintained while handling and transporting cooked food. Physical distancing will be maintained during drop off.

**Also, you can help Oasis, A Haven for Women & Children by donating to Oasis through our donation page on our website —[www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate](http://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate).**

## GIVE ONLINE

One of the implications of suspending public worship is that our regular offering isn't being collected. As it is essential to pay our staff and meet our current obligations, we ask if you are able, please mail your offering to the church or submit your offering online at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>. Knowing that our income could be impacted, we invite those with extra resources to consider making a special gift.

### WORDS TO PONDER FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY



*“There is no higher religion than service. To work for the common good is the greatest creed.”*

Albert Schweitzer

To find out more about this caring, listening, confidential ministry call the confidential line at 973-228-0310 ext. 235, or speak to one of our pastors.

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*



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COMMUNITY WHO ARE FACING  
CHALLENGES RELATED TO THE  
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### DONATE TO THE CALDWELL FOOD PANTRY

The Caldwell Food Pantry (14 Park Avenue) is in need of food donations. The pantry is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30am - 4:30pm and food may be dropped off in the foyer. Additionally, we are collecting monetary donations to be sent to The Caldwell Food Pantry. You may submit your donation online at <https://www.firstprescaldwell.org/donate/>. You may also mail your donation with Caldwell Food Pantry in the memo.

## JOIN US ON MONDAY, JUNE 29TH FOR A FACING RACISM TASK FORCE MEETING WITH A SPECIAL GUEST MODERATOR

The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell's Facing Racism Task Force will be holding a Zoom meeting on June 29, 2020 from 7:00-8:00 pm to discuss the Ted Talk by Verna Myers: How to overcome our biases? Walk boldly toward them. We will also be discussing the Video Remembering Recent Victims of Racial Violence by PCUSA Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson. Our special guest moderator for the discussion will be Kelly Stein.

Kelly considers herself to have grown up at FPC, spending much of her formative years within its walls. She served as a Deacon and credits her passion for service and community outreach to the Church's youth programs. Currently, Kelly lives in Brooklyn and is a second grade teacher at an all-girls independent school in NYC. There she serves on a school-wide Equity Leadership Council, in which she helps curate resources and facilitate discussion with faculty and staff on topics of racism, inequity, and injustice.

To join the conversation, please RSVP for links and documents by June 28th to [facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com](mailto:facingracismfirstpres@gmail.com). New members welcome!

(For security reasons, please do not share this Zoom meeting announcement on social media. Thank you!)

### OUR STAFF

**Rev. Tom Malek-Jones**, *Pulpit Supply Pastor*  
**Rev. Barbara Jo Piercy**, *Minister of Music*  
**Noel Piercy**, *Associate Director of Music*  
**Kaitlyn Heun**, *Interim Director Youth Ministries*  
**Susan Jones**, *Interim Director Children's Ministry*  
**Scott Westenberger**, *Worship Leader*  
**Lauren Restaino**, *Youth Ministry & Communications Coordinator*  
**Christine Brunner**, *Office Manager*  
**Chris White**, *Building Manager/Head Sexton*  
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### CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, June 21st**

##### **Father's Day**

##### **Senior Recognition Sunday**

9:30 AM Sanctuary Worship Service, Facebook Livestream  
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting  
10:30 AM Senior Reception, Church Lawn  
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

#### **TUESDAY, June 23rd**

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Zoom Meeting

#### **SUNDAY, June 28th**

9:30 AM Worship Service, Facebook Livestream  
10:30 AM Virtual Coffee Hour, Zoom Meeting  
11:00 AM Illuminate Service, Facebook Livestream

## **Congratulations High School Graduates!**

\***Madison Borys**, daughter of Heidi and Paul Borys, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where she became a member of the peer leadership program and National Honor Society during her sophomore year. Madison was voted in as the President of the Theatre Arts Program Board during her senior year, and she was the choreographer for the spring musical, as well as multiple cabarets at JCHS. Madison graduated in the top 15% of her class, and was the top recipient of the Music and More Booster Club Scholarship. At FPC, Madison was involved with Westminster Choir for 7 years, and Chancel Choir for 2 years. She has assisted with Sunday School for 2 years, and Cherub and Youth Choirs for 4 years. Madison has been an advisor for Choir Camp for 7 years and has been a VBS helper for 3 years. Madison has been an active member of the FPC Youth Fellowship program and has participated in The Pittsburgh Project for 5 years. Madison was nominated as a teen deacon in January 2020. This fall, Madison will begin an accelerated Occupational Therapy program at The University of Scranton, in which she will graduate with a Master's degree in OT. Madison is a recipient of this year's John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship.

\***Anna Bradley**, daughter of Tom and Susan Bradley (number 5 of 6 children), is graduating from Montclair Kimberley Academy where she has attended school since the fourth grade and has been a consistent Honor Role student. She graduated from MKA on June 7, 2020 after serving in coveted leadership roles on the Student Athletic Council and as a Captain for the House of Strong; she also proudly ran cross country and track from grades 6 through 12. Anna served as the women's cross country team Captain her senior year, and was deemed one of the most accomplished female long distance runners in Essex County during her four years in high school. As part of the women's track & field team at MKA, Anna joined her teammates in setting a number of school records in the 4 x 400 relay, the 4 x 800, the 4 x 1600 and the mixed medley relay. The most rewarding part of Anna's high school running career was having the honor to train under the late, great Coach Tom Fleming, who was a two time New York City Marathon winner! Anna was baptized at First Presbyterian Church Caldwell and also sang in the youth choirs as a child and attended Sunday school over the years. Following her confirmation she helped teach the preschool Sunday school classroom for several years. Anna is beyond excited to attend Penn State University in the fall, where she is interested in studying Business Administration as well as continuing her study of World Languages. An avid NY Giants fan, Anna looks forward to cheering on the Penn State Nittany Lions football team, as well as running Club cross country/track & field in college.

**Nick Farro**, son of Leah and Paul Farro, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where he was a peer leader, a member of the National Honor Society, and was the Captain for Varsity Winter & Spring Track. Additionally, Nick received High Honor Roll and was honored at the academic banquet. Nick was the recipient of the Allan Engal Memorial Scholarship & Kiwanis Community Service and Academic Excellence Award. At FPC, Nick was a member of Westminster Choir, the Youth Fellowship program, and an advisor for Choir Camp and VBS. Nick has attended The Pittsburgh Project and he has assisted with the sound board for Sunday worship services. This fall, Nick will attend the University of Delaware, majoring in Business.

\***Jason Fusaro**, son of AnnaMarie & Darren Fusaro, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where he was a three sport athlete: Cross Country, Basketball and Lacrosse. At FPC, Jason participated in Youth Club and attended The Pittsburgh Project. Jason will attend Virginia Tech in the fall and will major in Accounting.

\***Jack Jones**, son of Eugene and Susan Jones, is graduating from Passaic Valley Regional High School where he played Varsity Lacrosse for 4 years, was the Treasurer for the Italian Club, a member of the Passaic Valley Honor Society, Ski Club and Physics Club. At FPC, Jack participated in Youth Club and The Pittsburgh Project. Additionally, he was a Youth Club Helper and a Sunday School Helper. Jack was a member of the Christian Education Committee and he attended Triennium in 2019. This fall, Jack will attend University of Rhode Island and he will major in Ocean Engineering, with a minor in Political Science.

\***Maggie Lonsinger**, daughter of Fay and Bryan, is graduating from Verona High School where she was a High Honor Roll student for all 4 years. Maggie played varsity soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She was a captain for all three sports during her senior year. Maggie was chosen as Athlete Of The Year, and SEC scholar-athlete. Maggie was confirmed at FPC and participated in church retreats and community service activities. This fall, Maggie will attend UConn, where she will play lacrosse.

\***Kieran Lewis Maguire**, son of Julianne Lewis Maguire and Michael Maguire, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where he played varsity golf, and received recognition with Essex Country All Conference Golf. He also was a member of the JCHS Patriot Club. Additionally, Kieran is a University of Delaware Merit Scholar. At FPC, Kieran attended The Pittsburgh Project from 2013-2018, and participated in the Oasis Water Drive in 2018. This fall, Kieran will attend University of Delaware, majoring in Finance with a minor in Spanish.

\***Anthony Mattern**, son of Claire and Kenneth Mattern, is graduating from James Caldwell High School. Anthony is a member of the New Jersey State Troopers Explorers Program. He is a football player, and a member of Ju Jitsu. Anthony earned a paid internship last summer with the Essex County Prosecutor's Office's Criminal Justice Program, and participated in the New Jersey State Trooper Week. At FPC, Anthony has been a part of the Westminster and Pilgrim Choirs for 7 years, and attended many choir tours. This fall, he will attend University of New Haven as a Homeland Security major.

\***Tyler Maxwell**, son of Robert and Angie Maxwell, is graduating from Cedar Grove High School where he ran track & cross country. At FPC, Tyler attended The Pittsburgh Project mission trip for 6 years and was a VBS and Sunday School Helper. This fall, Tyler will attend Ramapo College to study Computer Science.

**Andrew McLaughlin**, son of Brian & Andrea McLaughlin, is graduating from James Caldwell High School. At FPC, Andrew was a member of the Westminster Choir, participated in the Youth Fellowship program, attended The Pittsburgh Project mission trips, and assisted with VBS. This fall, Andrew will attend Montclair State University.

**\*Kara Louise Motsch**, daughter of Roland & Donna Motsch, is graduating from Hanover Park High School where she was a member and treasurer of the National Honor Society, and received distinguished honors (4.0 or higher GPA) every semester for all 4 years of high school. Kara has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and she is finalizing her Girl Scouts Gold Award. Kara started a new club at high school called “Helping Hands” to help those with cancer/diseases. She was a member of the high school dance team, as well as a member of the ADXT Dancextensions competition dance team for 8 years. Kara was a member of Key Club, E.R.A.S.E. Club, and Paws for a Cause. Kara is a recipient of the Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. At FPC, Kara participated with soup kitchens, sandwich nights, Sunday School and Confirmation retreats. This fall, Kara will attend University of Florida for Nursing.

**Tara Perrothers**, daughter of Colette & Ralph Perrothers, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where she was a member of the drama club for all four years. Tara is the recipient of the Music and More Scholarship, and the Presidential Scholarship from Seton Hall University. At FPC, Tara has been a member of The Westminster Choir for 5 years. This fall, Tara will attend Seton Hall University, studying psychology and theater.

**\*Michael Soccio**, son of Joseph Soccio and Mary DeBonis, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where he played Baseball and participated in track & field (shotput). Michael was a member of the theater program, band, chorus, Retromen, Madrigals, Mock Trial Club, Environmental Protection Club, Envirothon team, and Math Club at JCHS. Michael is the recipient of the Amanda McDonald Heart of Gold Scholarship, David Gould Memorial Scholarship, Historical Society of West Caldwell Scholarship, Rotary Club of Caldwell Service Scholarship, West Caldwell Local Assistance Board Human Services Award, West Essex PBA local #81 Scholarship, West Essex Unico Scholarship, William Payne Memorial Scholarship, and the Classon Family Scholarship. At FPC, Michael assisted with the Crane’s Mill Bus, attended The Pittsburgh Project, and was a member of Westminster Choir. Additionally, he was a helper with Sunday School, Choir Camp and VBS. Michael assisted the committee for hiring a Director of Children & Youth in 2018. This Fall, Michael will attend New York University (NYU) with a double major in Philosophy and Economics with the intention of going to law school.

**\*Gabriella Suda**, daughter of Gynine and Gary Suda, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where she has been a member of the varsity cross country team for 2 years, winter track for 3 years, and spring track for 4 years. She has also been a member of the National Honors Society for 2 years. Gabriella is the recipient of the 2020 Seal of Biliteracy for Italian, the West Essex Unico Scholarship, the Jennifer Nesbit Scholarship, the JCHS XC Scholarship, as well as this year’s John R. and Inge P. Stafford Memorial Scholarship at FPC. Gabriella has been a member of the cherub choir, youth club, and Westminster Choir for 12 years. She has also taught Sunday School, and was nominated as the 2019 Teen Deacon. Gabriella has attended The Pittsburgh Project for 4 consecutive years. In the fall, Gabriella will attend Penn State University with an Undeclared major.

**\*Francesca Valle**, daughter of Heather Angelo and David Valle, is graduating from Verona High School where she did cheerleading in the fall, her school musical in the winter, and track in the spring. Francesca participated in all of these activities for all four years. Additionally, Francesca was in the American Sign Language Club. She was inducted into the National Thespian Society her junior year and was appointed Secretary of her Thespian Society Class. She was also given the role of cheer captain in the fall. Francesca has been a very active member of the FPC community since the age of 5. She attended Sunday School throughout her childhood and now has been a teen volunteer of Sunday School for all four years of high school. Additionally, she was in Westminster Choir for two years, and has enjoyed her time at First Pres more than anything. After high school, Francesca will attend College of Charleston in South Carolina.

**Iris Wilson**, daughter of Ayhan and Gary Wilson, is graduating from James Caldwell High School where she was a member of the soccer, swim and track teams. Iris is the recipient of a swim scholarship. Additionally, she was a member of Key Club and Service Club, and she volunteered at soup kitchens. At FPC, Iris attended The Pittsburgh Project, and helped at Sandwich Nights. Iris will attend Marist College in the fall and she is majoring in Fashion Design.

**\* Member of The First Presbyterian Church at Caldwell**